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Dear Mr. Avery:

I have just read the editorial, "Turner and the CIA" which appeared in the 12 December edition of THE DAY.

As you have perceived, not all of my decisions since becoming Director of Central Intelligence have been widely applauded. Unfortunately, many have been totally misunderstood. The fact that you have taken the time to study what we are trying to do with such an objective eye is very much appreciated. I want nothing more than to put the past solidly behind us and get on with the job of providing our country's policymakers with the best possible information necessary to insure our national security.

I am most gratified for your trust and support.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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